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SUBJECT: EC QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF TAPE RECORDERS

1. ON APRIL 19 THE EC COMMISSION AUTHORIZED ITALY
TO IMPOSE QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF TAPE RECORDERS FROM
THIRD COUNTRIES. IMPORTS INTO OTHER MEMBERS STATES WILL
BE SUBJECT TO SURVEILLANCE.

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2. FROM 1969 TO 1972 ITALIAN IMPORTS OF TAPE RECORDERS GREW FROM APPROXIMATELY 100,000 UNITS TO 480,000 UNITS, OF WHICH 430,000 UNITS WERE FROM JAPAN. ITALIAN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION HAS FALLEN. PRICES OF THE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW PRICES OF TAPE RECORDERS MADE IN ITALY OR IMPORTED FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THE SITUATION ENTAILS " GRAVE PREJUDICE" TO ITALIAN MANUFACTURERS. THE NEW MEASURE AUTHORIZES IMPORTS OF 150,000 UNITS IN THE SIX MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30. THIS DECISION WILL NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL.

3. SOURCES WITHIN THE COMMISSION INFORM US THAT BECAUSE OF GATT ARTICLE XIX, THE MEASURE RESTRICTS IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES, BUT THE MEASURE IN FACT IS DIRECTED AT IMPORTS FROM JAPAN. OTHER SOURCES OF IMPORTS ARE SINGAPRE AND TAIWAN, BUT NOT THE US. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN ARE PRODUCED BY AMERICAN COMPANIES.

4. SO FAR AS WE KNOW THIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST USE OF COMMUNITY SAFEGUARD QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS.
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